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>"Captain, there's reports of a new virus circulating around the Federation - computer projections estimate that every ship in Starfleet is infected."<br>

>Picard shifted sharply at this. "How, Data? And what are the symptoms?"<br>

>"The pathogen is not lethal - that's how they passed it through the transporter buffers via LCARS, hidden in a biofilter update program. It causes the left pectoral to become extremely susceptible to pain stimuli."<br>

>Picard was about to ask what was the point of creating and filtering such a virus when his comm-badge chirped. He automatically tapped it to respond.<br>

>And automatically was incapable of speaking due to the lancing pain in his left nipple.<br>

>He looked up at Data through the tears in his eyes.<br>

>"We're in trouble."<br>

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